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CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS FROM CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

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OAKLAND PLANTATION, FORMERLY CALLED YOUGHALL

This plantation, now owned by Mr. Ferdinand Gregorie and his son F. Gregorie, Jr., was part of a grant of 1300 acres on the south-east side of Seewee Sound which was made May 14, 1696, to Capt. George Dearsly; this tract afterwards became vested in Thomas Hamlin, who conveyed part to William Capers, and the remaining 982 acres, he conveyed January 1, 1704, to John Perry, Esq; then of the Island of Antigua, but formerly of the parish of Youghal, near Cork, in Ireland. This plantation was settled for John Perry by his agent in Carolina, John Abraham Motte.¹

John Perry died in 1713, leaving all his plantations in South Carolina to his daughter Mary, who married in 1728, John Cleland, of London; they removed to South Carolina about 1735, and on March 12, 1740, John Cleland and his wife Mary, conveyed the above 982 acres, then called "Yoeghall," to Captain George Benison of Christ Church Parish, the bounds being then given as, south-east partly on Captain Benison and partly on a great marsh; south-west partly on Capt. Thomas Boone; north-west partly on Mr. Barton, and on Capt. Thomas Boone.

George Benison (who married first Elizabeth Capers, 1700-1733, and second, in 1735, Hannah Screven, widow) conveyed by deed of gift, December 9, 1741, 500 acres, part of the larger tract of 982 acres, called Youghall² to his son George Benison, Jr., the southward part bounding on Copahee Sound.

Col. George Benison died June 9, 1748, leaving a will, dated September 15, 1747, in which he bequeaths to his son William

¹ Mesne Conveyance Office, Book V, p. 384, and this *Magazine*, vol. ix, p. 85.

² M. C. O., X, p. 1.

and his heirs the remaining 482 acres of the Youghall tract, giving the bounds as being south on Thomas Hamlin, west on Capt. Thomas Boone, northward on his son George Benison, and east on Copohee Sound; if William died without heirs, then Capt. Benison's youngest son Richard was to inherit, failing heirs of Richard, then all of his children, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth and Jane. Sarah had married John Parris in 1742, and Mary married William Gibbes in 1744.

William Benison married Ann Brown in 1750, and died in 1751 without issue (will). Richard died intestate about 1758; George Benison, Jr., born in 1722, married Elizabeth Bremar; he died intestate between October 1750 and February 26, 1751, leaving sons William and Francis Bremar Benison (will of his wife Elizabeth, dated April 7, 1751.)

Sometime before February 3, 1755, the 482 acres had been conveyed by Rawlins Lowndes, provost marshal, to Thomas Barksdale, who was already a large land owner in Christ Church parish, who on that date, conveyed to his son Charles, who, before his death in 1757, seems to have acquired also the 500 acres belonging formerly to George Benison, Jr.

Charles Barksdale, who had married in 1741, Maria Wingood, widow of Charvil Wingood, by his will, dated April 5, 1756, leaves all his lands to his sons Charles, Thomas and George.

Thomas Barksdale (1745-1800) appears to be the next owner of the tract on which the burying ground is placed; he died in 1800, leaving a will, which mentions his wife Mary, his son Thomas, and daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, and Sabina.

Thomas, the son of the above Thomas, married Serena Maria Payne and died about 1850, leaving a will, in which he states that it would be a great gratification to have his plantation called Youghall continued in the family, it having been for more than a century in the Barksdale family; he especially provides for the holding of the family burial ground, with privilege of access. He had no sons, and the plantation was conveyed by his wife Serena M. Barksdale, as executrix, to James Macbeth, April 26, 1852; James Macbeth having married Mary Vanderhorst Barksdale, the eldest daughter of Thomas and Serena. The acreage and bounds were changed several times in the various division during the Barksdale ownership.

James Macbeth conveyed, to Philip Edward Porcher, January 20, 1859, the plantation called "Oakland, formerly Youghall," so the name of Oakland was probably given to the plantation by Macbeth.

The place was conveyed by Mr. Porcher to his daughter Mrs. Ferdinand Gregorie.

The house probably built by the Benisons is old and interesting, with good lines and fine wood-work; the burying ground is surrounded by a good brick wall, some what in need of repair, and has a number of handsome tombstones, which have been damaged by the earthquake, and by neglect.

In / Memory of / George Barksdale / Edwards / Died July 1860.
/ In the 51st / year / Of his age /

In / Memory of / George Edwards / Died April 1859 / In the
83d / year of his age.

Sacred / to the Memory of / Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards / Wife of /
George Edwards Esqr: / and Daughter of / Thomas and Mary
Barksdale / She departed this life in Charleston / the 23rd
April 1832, / Aged Fifty Nine Years and 2 Months / [Eulogy
omitted.]

To the Memory / of / Sarah Gamage, / who departed this life /
On the 4th of June / Anno Domini 1841, / Aged Fifty Five
Years, / and 11 months / [Eulogy omitted.]

Sabina Payne / Obitt 3rd. Octr. 1853 / Aged 75 Years.

In / Memory of / Mary Barksdale, / Died Decr. 1854 / In the
75th year / of her age.

[Foot stone]. Mary Barksdale / obitt 14 Decr. 1854 / Aged 74
years.

Twin Children / of / Thomas and Serena M. Barksdale; / 1834.

In Memory / of / Wm. Payne Barksdale / son of / Thos. &
Serena M. Barksdale. / Departed this life in Charleston / the
23d. day of September / 1817 / aged 2 Years 11 Months and
21 Days / [Verses omitted.]

Beneath this Monument / Are deposited the Remains of Thomas
Barksdale Esq: / who passed from death to life / on the 25th
of June 1800 / Aged 55 years 5 months and 11 days. [Eulogy
omitted.]

Sacred to the Memory / of / Mary Barksdale / Relict of /
Thomas Barksdale / Esquire / who departed this life in
Charleston / the 8th day of June 1814 / Aged 64 years 1 month
& 14 days / [Eulogy omitted.]

Also a brick vault without a name.

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HAMLIN'S CROSS ROAD

The following three stones are in a thicket in sight of the road,
at Hamlin's Cross Roads.

Wm. Hamlin / and Family / 1832

Eliza Hamlin / 1828 / William Hamlin / 1832

William / Son of / Wm. and Eliza Hamlin / 1831.

[3]

BEE HIVE PLANTATION

The stones are near a tenant's house.

In / Memory of / William Dorrill / who died Decr. 26th / 1799
/ Aged 45 Years /

Sacred / to / the memory of / Edward Mortimer Legare /who
expired / on the 19th Nov. 1829 / in his 29th. year / He has
left an aged mother / a widow and three children / to mourn
their / loss / His bereaved and afflicted / widow erects this /
monument to his / memory.

Sacred / to the Memory of / Thomas Hamett / who departed
this life / on the 6th of October 1833 / aged Twenty Seven
Years / and One Month / This stone was erected / by his
disconsolate / Widow.